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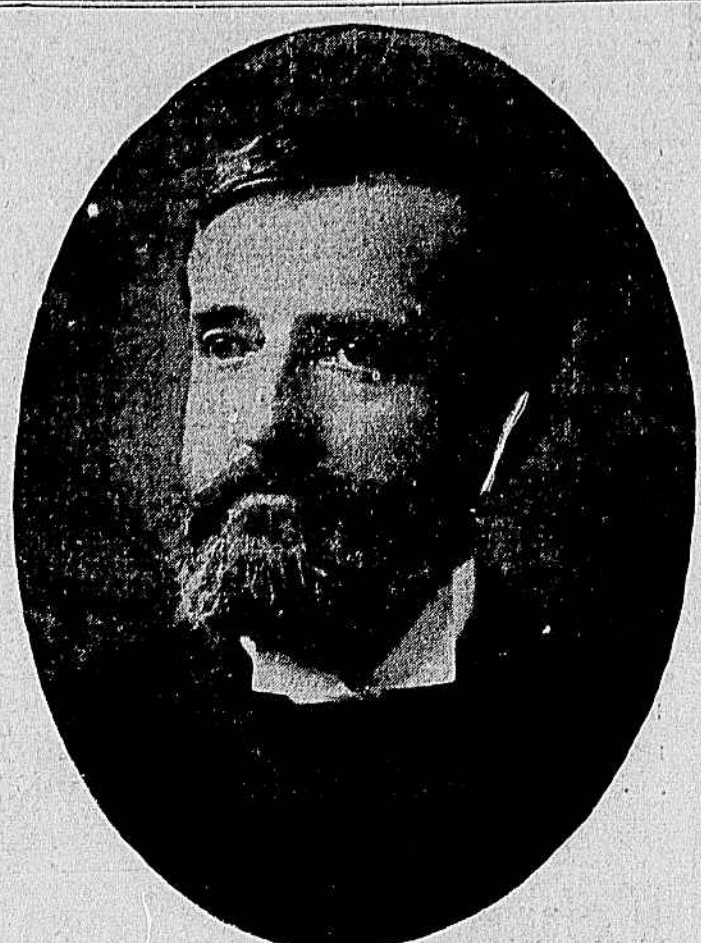
# The Times-Dispatch

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## SUMMARY OF THE DAY'S NEWS

**The Weather.**  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—Forecast for Tuesday and Wednesday:  
Virginia: Rain Tuesday; Wednesday fair and colder; fresh southeast winds, becoming northwesterly.  
North Carolina: Rain Tuesday, colder in extreme west portion; Wednesday fair and colder; fresh east to southeast winds, becoming northwesterly.  
The weather in Richmond yesterday was most delightful. The thermometer was a little lower than for several days and at midnight the mercury stood at the freezing point.  
**STATE OF THE THERMOMETER.**  
9 A. M. .... 35  
12 M. .... 41  
3 P. M. .... 38  
6 P. M. .... 32  
12 midnight .... 32  
Average .... 37.1-0  
Highest temperature yesterday .... 44  
Lowest temperature yesterday .... 30  
Mean temperature yesterday .... 39  
Normal temperature for January .... 39  
Departure from normal temperature .... -2  
Precipitation during past 24 hours .... 0.0  
**MINIATURE ALMANAC.**  
Jan. 25, 1904.  
Sun rises .... 7:20  
Sun sets .... 5:25  
Moon rises .... 11:03  
Moon sets .... 11:20



HON. BEVERLEY A. HANCOCK,  
Well-known jurist and popular citizen, who died Sunday evening at his home near Manchester.

## ALMOST UNANIMOUS AGAINST FREE SILVER

Senators and Representatives in Congress Regard Reaffirmation of Kansas City Platform as Entirely Out of Question—Mr. Bryan Criticized by Friends for Course He Is Pursuing.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 25.—The Democrats of the Senate and House are in exultant mood over the shape in which the party is as concerns national issues. The recent poll of the Democratic members of the two houses of Congress shows that of thirty-three senators, and one hundred and seventy-eight representatives, only seven are favorable to a reaffirmation of the Kansas City platform. Some of the most ardent silver advocates in the country are now opposed to the view taken by Mr. Bryan that the party should continue to stand for the free coinage of silver at the rate of sixteen to one. Even Senator Tillman, who was known from one end of the country to the other as Mr. Bryan's most trusted friend in the advocacy of free coinage, says it is too late now to revive the issue, and that Mr. Bryan should take a back seat.

The poll, which was made by representatives of the New York Herald, may not be regarded as absolutely correct, but it is believed to be fairly indicative of the views of the senators and representatives quoted. Senator Martin is quoted as saying that Mr. Bryan was a newspaper man who liked to see his views exploited in print, and that he had a right to do so, but he never said anything of the kind, and had never talked with any representative of the Herald. However, the interview expressed his sentiments as to the inadvisability of the Democrats fighting the next campaign on the silver issue.

The Democrats of the Senate and the House were at all familiar with the circumstances of Mr. Bryan's last visit to Washington some days ago, are very pronounced in their disposition to criticize him for his action in declaring that the party should make silver the leading issue this year. He did not, so far as

## COLLEGE PLAYERS TO THE UNIVERSITY

Messrs. Hiram Smith and Manalchus Lankford to go to the University in the Fall.  
Football enthusiasts in this city will be interested in the announcement that Dr. Hiram Smith, of this city, and Manalchus Lankford, of Norfolk, two star backs of the Richmond College team last season, will both enter the University of Virginia in the autumn.  
There is every reason to anticipate that both will get on at the University team, and in that event their friends are confident they will both make good. Both men are star players, and for their pounds are as hard to stop as any backs on a Southern team. Behind the orange and blue line, the two players will make an even better showing than they have made.

Mr. Smith is a son of Mr. H. M. Smith, Jr., of this city. He weighs nearly 100 pounds, and with a bit more weight will make a runner heavy enough for any position on the University team.

## CRUM AND WOOD ARE UNDER FIRE

Senate Wants to Know Their Status.

TILLMAN READS LETTER FROM SHAM

Resolution Offered by South Carolina Senator Asking Information Is Adopted.

FEW REPUBLICANS AGREE WITH PRESIDENT

Mr. Lodge, of Massachusetts, Is Understood to be Only Member Making the Contention That There Was a "Constructive Recess"—Panama Matter Discussed.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 25.—The status of the Crum and the Wood nominations is now an interesting question before the Senate.

The debate Friday and to-day was precipitated by a resolution offered by Senator Tillman, inquiring as to whether the appointment made by the President at the close of the special session in December and the beginning of the regular session, were to be construed as "recess" appointments.

Mr. Tillman to-day read a letter he had received from Secretary Shaw, in which the Secretary of the Treasury asserted that Crum's appointment was construed to have been made in recess, and that he was discharging the duties of the office of collector of the port of Charleston under a commission issued him after the last appointment, and that he had also been required to give a new bond since being last appointed to the office at the expiration of the regular session. The fact was brought out in the debate to-day of the authority of the Secretary of the Treasury that Crum has never received any compensation for his services as collector of customs at Charleston.

Senator Hale said again to-day that he was confident that the Controller of the Treasury would make short shrift of the contention; that the appointments made at the end of the extra session, when there was no perceptible recess, were to be considered as recess appointments, and the incumbents of the offices said accordingly. He thought, however, that the Senate should allow the controller to settle the status of the appointments, and did not favor the Tillman resolution.

Senator Tillman has said all along, and said again to-day that he was not supporting the resolution for the purpose of making political capital, but through an earnest desire to get the Senate to establish precedent, and define the status of the appointments. The fact has been developed that some of the strongest men in the Senate on the Republican side maintain that there was no constructive recess when the appointments were made. Indeed, it is said that the only Republican senator who makes this contention is Senator Lodge. He maintains his reputation of coughing at the Capitol when the President sneezes at the White House.

## THE SENATE.

Further Discussion of Recess Appointments and Isthmian Canal.

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 25.—The Senate to-day heard further discussion of the question of appointments to office made during congressional recesses.

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## DREADFUL REALITY OF GIRL'S DREAM

Awoke to Find Flames Streaming in Her Bedroom Window.

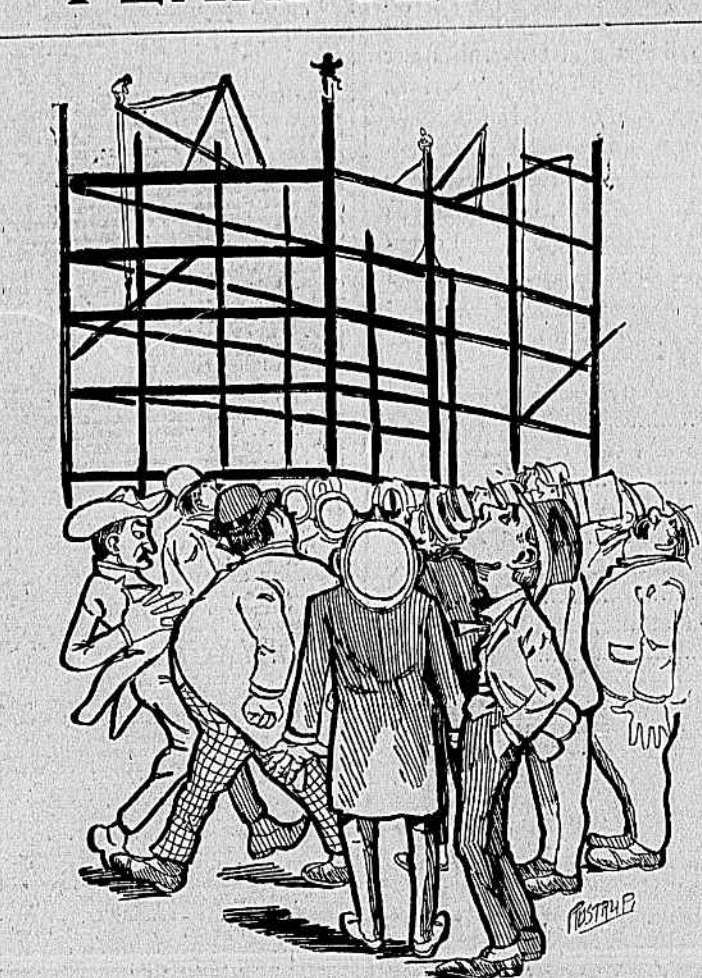
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
WINCHESTER, VA., Jan. 25.—Miss Ethel Smoke, the pretty daughter of Dr. E. B. Smoke, of White Hall, this county, dreamed early Sunday morning that there was a blazing fire in her bedroom. She awoke in a panic, and as she trembled with fear through her eyes, she saw a shower of flames streaming through her window. This terrible sight was the beginning of a nightmare for the young girl.

Miss Smoke gave an alarm and aroused the household. It was discovered that the Good Templars' hall, adjoining the Smoke household, and owned by Dr. Smoke, was in flames. Before help could be summoned, the place had fallen into a mass of blazing ruins, and the house of Eugene O'Neil, adjoining, was rapidly being consumed. This residence was occupied by Samuel Cave, a bachelor, who slept on an unconscious of impending death, until Henry Darman, the colored man employed by Dr. Smoke, burst in the door, dashed through the burning house and pulled the sleeper from his bed.

Soon after this house also fell, but the neighbors had formed a bucket brigade and saved the adjoining property from destruction. The Good Templars' hall was a two-story frame building, erected about fifteen years ago by that society, assisted by contributions from the late Charles H. Rouse.

Dr. Smoke lately purchased the place and had a quantity of goods stored in the lower part, all of which was lost. The total loss will reach about \$2,000.

## NEARLY 200 PERISH IN FEARFUL MINE DISASTER



## RUBBER NECK!

## COTTON GOES HIGHER AND SALES ARE LARGE

An Advance During the Day of From 22 to 24 Points and Estimate of a Million Bales

Sold—New Record for Spot Cotton in Norfolk Market.

(By Associated Press.)  
NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—Cotton reached a still higher level to-day in a market that was active, but not particularly excited. At the start, in response to a sensational gain in the English market and continued light receipts, prices were 10/27 points higher. Heavy liquidation was attracted by the advance, but there was a good demand of a general character, and, while somewhat irregular, the market showed an undercurrent of firmness, with prices fluctuating around the best of the morning. March sold at 15.02, May at 15.21 and July at 15.30, these being net gains of about 23 points on the positions named.

The advance was not checked until March was selling at 15.14, May at 15.31 and July at 15.42, a net gain of about 23 3/4 points. At this level, however, there was a lull in demand, the market became less active, and in a jerky sort of way declined to about the low point of the morning, under realizing, encouraged to some extent by the heavier estimates for to-morrow's receipts. Exports, however, were full, and this had a tendency to restrict offerings.

The market later became firmer again, with prices in the late trading at the highest of the session. March sold at 15.19, May 15.40 and July at 15.50. The close was 5 or 6 points below these figures, but steady, at a net advance of 10 points.

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## FURTHER CABINET RESIGNATIONS

Rumor Published in London That Four More Ministers Will Surrender Their Posts.

(By Associated Press.)  
LONDON, Jan. 25.—The Daily News this morning publishes a rumor that further Cabinet resignations are imminent, saying the officers to resign probably are Lord Lansdowne, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs; Lord Londonderry, president of the Board of Education; and Gerald Balfour, president of the Board of Trade.

## ELOPE TO BRISTOL AND ARE MARRIED

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
ROANOKE, VA., Jan. 25.—Mr. Edward Lacey, a young machinist of the shops, and Miss Myrtle Biddle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Biddle, eloped to Bristol yesterday and were married by Parson Burroughs. Parental objection was the cause of elopement.

## Buried Alive Hundreds of Feet Underground.

## ONLY ONE BROUGHT TO SURFACE ALIVE

Engineer Who Plotted Mines Goes Down as One of Rescue Party.

## FORCE OF EXPLOSION IS MOST TERRIFIC

Both Cages by Which Miners Entered and Left Mine Were Blown High Out of Shaft. This Delayed the Work of Rescue for Some Hours.

(By Associated Press.)

PITTSBURGH, PA., Jan. 25.—From all that can be gathered between 180 and 190 men are lying dead and dying in the headings and passageways of the Harwick mine of the Allegheny Coal Company, at Cheswick, the result of a terrific explosion to-day. Cages after cages have gone down into the mine and come up again, but only one miner of all those who went down to work this morning has been brought to the surface. The rescued man is Adolph Glinz, and he is still in a semi-conscious condition at the temporary hospital at the rude school house on the hillside above the mine.

At 12:15 this morning Robert North and Michael Cain, of the rescue party came to the surface and reported that Selwyn Taylor, the Pittsburgh mining engineer, who plotted the mine and who was the first to reach the bottom after the explosion happened, had been found alive, and that seventy-five of the miners had been located, the majority of them, it is believed, alive.

## Sheet of Flame.

The explosion occurred at 5:30 o'clock this morning, and the first warning was the sudden rumble under ground and then a sheet of flame followed up the deep shaft. Both mine cages were hurled through the shaft, one to the top, the other to the bottom, 20 feet above the landing stage, and the three men on the tippie were thrown to the ground. A rule was thrown high above the shaft and fell dead on the ground. The injured were buried, and on one of the cages, where some of them have died since.

After the explosion and the crash at the pit mouth had startled the little village, the wives and children of the men below rushed to the scene of the disaster, but to get no encouragement. There was no way to get into the deep workings. The cages that let the men into the mines and brought them out again when the day's work was done, were both demolished.

## Descended the Shaft.

Shortly after 5 o'clock Selwyn M. Taylor and one of his assistants signaled the engineer to lower them into the shaft. Taylor is still down there. Three times efforts have been made to reach him, but so far without success. Among the first of the first of the rescue party, hauled to the surface, told his story of his trip through the mine. He said: "I was with Taylor, and we clambered over three or four falls. Taylor laid out the mine and seemed to know the way. There was one man alive at the foot of the shaft. He was sent up, and then we took the mule path into the south level. We saw two men who were up, and notified those back of us, and then went on. We passed the third, fourth and fifth headings, and then through an overdrift into the other shaft. I began to feel dizzy and sick, and then I saw Taylor stagger and fall. The lantern fell. We tried to lift him, but could not carry him up, and I made my own way to safety."

F. W. Cunningham, the mine inspector of the fourteenth district, reached Harwick about 7:30. When seen by a reporter, just after his arrival, he said: "Among the first of the first of the rescue party, hauled to the surface, told his story of his trip through the mine. He said: 'I was with Taylor, and we clambered over three or four falls. Taylor laid out the mine and seemed to know the way. There was one man alive at the foot of the shaft. He was sent up, and then we took the mule path into the south level. We saw two men who were up, and notified those back of us, and then went on. We passed the third, fourth and fifth headings, and then through an overdrift into the other shaft. I began to feel dizzy and sick, and then I saw Taylor stagger and fall. The lantern fell. We tried to lift him, but could not carry him up, and I made my own way to safety.'"

The last inspection blank hanging on the nail in the mine company's office is dated July 17, 1903, but it is evident that a later report has been made. Among the first of the first of the rescue party, hauled to the surface, told his story of his trip through the mine. He said: "I was with Taylor, and we clambered over three or four falls. Taylor laid out the mine and seemed to know the way. There was one man alive at the foot of the shaft. He was sent up, and then we took the mule path into the south level. We saw two men who were up, and notified those back of us, and then went on. We passed the third, fourth and fifth headings, and then through an overdrift into the other shaft. I began to feel dizzy and sick, and then I saw Taylor stagger and fall. The lantern fell. We tried to lift him, but could not carry him up, and I made my own way to safety."